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Dear Sirs:

This is a letter of recommendation for Mr. David Grinspoon who is applying for admission to your university. I have known David for the last decade and have taken a continual delight in his intellectual development. He is bright, cheerful, hardworking, eclectic in his interests, and possessed of a depth of understanding in the natural and social sciences and in human affairs rare for his years. He is an accomplished tennis and guitar player. He is very socially mature for his age. He has highly developed senses of responsibility and curiosity. I last saw David in August, 1976, when he visited us in Pasadena during the peak activities of Viking mission operations on Mars. I thought then that he would rank in the upper one percent of the students in my introductory astronomy course at Cornell. He is an extraordinary prospect and I recommend him for admission with no reservation whatever.

Cordially,

Carl Sagan
David Duncan Professor of
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